India and procured locally. The Government provide adequate funds every year for these requirements. The expenditure incurred by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in connection with Haj arrangements and subsidy provided for air transportation for Haj pilgrimage during the last three years is as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure incurred by Ministry of External Affairs	Year	Subsidy (Provisional)
2004-05	Rs. 21,18,30,030	Haj 2005	Rs. 198 crores
2005-06	Rs. 24,87,75,665	Haj 2006	Rs. 290 crores
2006-07	Rs. 23,35,42,728	Haj 2006-II	Rs. 367 crores

Manual scavenging

1854. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite Planning Commission's commitment to eradicate manual scavenging totally from the country by 2007, there are still more than 90,000 scavengers who are to be liberated from this dehumanizing practice;

(b) whether Government has completed the revision of guidelines on Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme based on inputs received from States narrating the difficulties in its implementations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and likely deadline for eradication of manual scavenging in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Based on the suggestions received from the Planning Commission, State Governments and various stake holders, revision of guidelines of the ILCS Scheme is under consideration of the Government. Since ILCS is a demand driven scheme, all efforts will be made to convert the existing dry latrines into water seal toilets in a time bound manner.

Survey by NBO on housing crisis

1855. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per survey conducted by National Building Organisation (NBO) and her Ministry, the country needs 24.71 million homes to solve its housing crisis, and the housing shortage could touch 26.50 million in another five years;

(b) whether her Ministry has asked State Government and has written to the Chief Secretaries to regulate untrammelled growth of urban areas and prepare a comprehensive

plan to be implemented by the urban local bodies and private sector participation in providing basic services such as water supply, solid waste management, parks and garden, public conveniences, roads and flyovers; and

(c) the other steps Government proposes to take in improving the housing shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A Technical Group on Estimation of Urban Housing Shortage was constituted by the Central Government. The Group estimated a housing shortage of 24.71 million dwelling units at the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan. The Technical Group has estimated the total Housing shortage during the entire Eleventh Five Year Plan as 26.53 million dwelling units.

(b) The Government has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to assist cities and towns in taking up housing and infrastructural facilities for the urban poor in 63 cities in the country under the Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) Programme. Other cities/towns are covered under Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). Both BSUP and IHSDP are under implementation since December, 2005. On completion of the Mission period of seven year, it is expected that all urban poor will be able to have access to a basic level of urban services. Provision of basic services to urban poor including security of tenure at affordable prices, improved housing, water supply, sanitation and ensuring delivery of other already existing universal services of the Government for education, health and social security is a mandatory reform under BSUP and IHSDP schemes. Public Private Partnership is also a recognized optional reform under these schemes.

(c) Apart from schemes of BSUP and IHSDP under JNNURM, an amount of Rs. 30 crores has been allocated in the budget for 2007-08 for an interest subsidy scheme for provision of housing to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)/Low Income Group (LIG) of the society.

Proposal under JNNURM for Orissa

1856. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has sanctioned any proposal under the components of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of projects that have been sanctioned and the total value of each project under the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not sanctioning any proposal for such an economically backward State like Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of projects approved under Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) component of JNNURM are enclosed as statement. *(See* below*)*.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.